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U.S.D. LAW SCHOOL PLANS CRIME/WEATHER STUDY

The Center for Criminal Justice Policy and Management associated with the University of San Diego School of Law has announced a new research project to determine if weather affects crime rates.

The project will gather such daily crime statistics as: numbers of radio calls, robberies, burglaries, homicides, assaults, and other disturbances. These statistics will be compared to various weather elements such as barometric pressure, winds, temperature, and other meteorological data.

The study was prompted by a recent news story in which it was reported that, over several years, San Diego Police Lt. Bill Campbell had noticed a strong inverse correlation between low barometric pressure and high incidents of crime.

Arrangements have been made through the San Diego Police Department and the U.S. Weather Bureau to allow law students working with the Center to gather and correlate these statistics on a daily basis. The project is expected to cover 365 consecutive days. Its conclusions will be published subsequently.

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